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VIENNA FOR CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, UR, US

SUBJECT: SHADRIN CASE

1. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT WASHINGTON POST AND WALL STREET JOURNAL WILL CARRY STORIES IN JULY 14 EDITION ON SHADRIN CASE. SINCE BOTH PAPERS HAVE TALKED EXTENSIVELY WITH COPAKEN AND MRS. SHADRIN, BOTH STORIES WILL PRESUMABLY CARRY FULL DETAILS OF HIS DISAPPEARANCE AND SUBSEQUENT EFFORTS TO GET HIM BACK.

2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY AND NOT FOR USE FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN. ALL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT FOR REPLY.

WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO COMMENT ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING MR. SHADRIN'S DISAPPEARANCE. OUR AWARENESS OF THE CASE BEGAN WHEN WE LEARNED THAT HE HAD DISAPPEARED AND
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OUR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AT LOCATING HIM AND GETTING HIM BACK.

AS FOR OUR EFFORTS TO FIND SHADRIN AND GET HIM BACK, THEY WILL CONTINUE. THESE CASES ARE VERY SENSITIVE AND SOMETIMES DRAG ON A LONG TIME. WE DO NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER CLOSED.

OUR OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT AT VARIOUS LEVELS AND HAVE CONVEYED THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR CONCERN. WE HAVE KEPT MRS. SHADRIN FULLY INFORMED OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE THROUGH HER ATTORNEY, AND AS WE HAVE TOLD THEM, WE WILL NOT DISCUSS OUR PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS ON THE PUBLIC RECORD. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS WILL SERVE THE PURPOSE OF GETTING MR. SHADRIN BACK.

(IF WE ARE PRESSED TO CONFIRM THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE SHADRIN.)

HE WAS LAST SEEN ON HIS WAY TO A MEETING WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS. WE HAVE EXPLORED WITH THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES AND WITH OTHER POLICE AUTHORITIES THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE MIGHT STILL BE IN THE WEST AND HAVE FOUND NO EVIDENCE THAT THIS MIGHT BE THE CASE. IF THE SOVIETS DO NOT HAVE HIM WE BELIEVE THEY MUST HAVE SOME EXPLANATION OF WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM. SO FAR, THEY HAVE NOT GIVEN US A SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION OF HIS FATE.

3. FOR VIENNA: YOU MAY AT YOUR DISCRETION INFORM MFA THAT STORY IS GOING TO BREAK. VANCE

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